

GIGANTIC SHOE TRUST HAS BEEN ORGANIZED

Will Control Practically All the Shoe Manufacturing Machinery in the United States

MARKETS OF THE WORLD CONTROLLED

Company is Capitalized at \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 Common Stock, Besides Half a Million Retained in Treasury--List of Concerns Absorbed.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—The Standard Shoe Manufacturing Company, which has just filed articles of incorporation at Trenton, is being organized for the purpose of consolidating practically all of the important markets of shoe manufacturing machinery in the country.

This new company is the creature of interests which were recently successful in forming the American Hide and Leather company, commonly known as the Upper Leather Trust, and is part of a scheme to make a close combination of the shoe manufacturing interests of the country, with a view to controlling not only the domestic trade, but the markets of the world as well. Thomas H. Ryan, who was the active promoter of the Upper Leather combine occupies the same position toward the new company.

It is said to be the scheme of the shoe trade interests who are behind the combination of machinery makers to follow this company with a combination of practically all the boot and shoe manufacturers in New England, about 125 in number and to consolidate this with the American Hyde & Leather and Standard Shoe Machinery Companies, making a gigantic trust that will try to control the shoe trade of the world.

When this general scheme was conceived several months ago, steps were taken to bring the shoe manufacturers together into a trust, but it was soon found that little success could be secured by such a combination without the co-operation of the makers of shoe machinery, to whom royalties would have to be paid and with whom lay the power to at any time ruin the manufacturers trust. Consequently the shoe trust project was dropped for the time being and work was begun by the shoe machinery people themselves.

The new Standard Shoe Machinery company will acquire the following concerns and patents:

The Woodward Manufacturing company, including its patented machines for heel work; the Bay State Shoe Manufacturing company, including its patented machines consisting of welt and turn machine, lock-stitch stitchee, welt beater, welt skiver, bobbin winder, welt beveler and groover, rough roller and stitch indenting machine and sole-laying and sole-leveling machines; Buzzell's patents for a spring-heel machine and for heel breasting machine; the Sinning Lasting Machine company, including its patented lasting machine, also patented in England; McDowell's patents for a heel and sole-trimming machine.

The company is capitalized at \$2,000,000, 7 per cent cumulative stock (preferential as to capital as well as dividend), and \$3,000,000 common stock. There will be retained in the company's treasury for future acquisition \$500,000 each in preferred and common stock. The directors and managers of the new company will be as follows:

T. B. Kerther, Diamond Match company, Westerville, Conn.
E. F. Spinney, shoe manufacturer of Norway, Me., and Lynn, Mass., and president of the National Security bank of Lynn.

J. N. Smith, retired shoe manufacturer of Lynn, Mass.
W. B. Hosmer, president of the Bay State Shoe Machine company, Boston.

H. F. Boothfield, treasurer Woodward Manufacturing company, Boston.
Thomas G. Plant, shoe manufacturer, Boston.

W. W. Spanning, shoe manufacturer, Haverhill, Mass.
H. Stuart Rusk of Gilman & Rusk, lawyers, Boston.

R. C. Spencer of Hamilton Brown Shoe company, St. Louis.
Ellis Thomson of the General Electric company, Swampscott, Mass.

crop, 200,000,000; average rate yield, 13.7 bushels.

The average rate of yield of oats, according to the American Agriculturist is returned at 30.4 bushels per acre, 2.5 bushels above that of last year and an average higher than was ever before reported for the whole breadth. The crop is estimated at 883,000,000 bushels, against 793,000,000 in 1898 and \$14,000,000 in 1897. The quality of the present crop is unusually good.

The authority named places the average condition of corn three points lower than September 1, and only two higher than was reported at this date a year ago, and adds that if the final rate of yield shall substantiate that indicated by the present return, the crop is likely to be found above 2,125,000,000, a fairly liberal result, but not a record crop.

THE BRIGGS CASE CROPS UP AGAIN

PROMINENT DIVINE RESIGNS

Rev. DeCosta Gives up the Priesthood Rather Than Sacrifice the Faith of His Childhood.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—An interview is published with Rev. Dr. R. F. DeCosta, the Episcopalian clergyman who has just resigned from the priesthood on account of the admission of Dr. Charles A. Briggs as a minister of the church. Dr. DeCosta says:

"Now that the diocesan convention is over and the Bible, so far as Episcopalianism is concerned, has met with its Sedan, I have concluded that it would be quite as well to drop out of the Episcopal ministry altogether. To my mind, unless the unexpected comes to pass, the poor future of the Episcopal movement must be considered clear. Notwithstanding the effort to gloss the matter over, the action of the diocesan convention is one of the signs of the times.

This diocese and the Episcopal church at large is dominated by what the ruling factions call the spirit of the age. They forget to say what age. This spirit that they talk about is simply the belated ghost of the age of Arianism.

"The Episcopal church has made a new departure and I cannot go along with it. Consistency requires a repudiation of the whole scheme and I have adopted the best method. I prefer the faith I learned at mother's knee to the inventions of sociologists."

GOAL OF AFRO-AMERICANS

Bishop Walter Says Race Is Discriminated Against in the South.

BOSTON, Oct. 10.—Bishop Walter, president of the National Afro-American council, delivered a lecture at the North Russell Street A. M. E. church last night on "The Trials and Achievements of the Negro Race."

He said the goal to be reached by Afro-Americans is all that is guaranteed to American citizens by the Constitution and Declaration of Independence. This means, first, liberation from the mob; second the right to cast a free and untrammelled ballot; third, to hold office; fourth, admission to hotels, restaurants, steamboats and all other public places. Continuing, he said:

"Lynching, especially by mutilation and burning at the stake is a relic of barbarism. Thousands of Afro-Americans have been murdered in cold blood by the lynchers since emancipation. They outrage us with impunity, destroy our property at will and seem to have no compunction or conscience."

Taking up another, Bishop Walter said:

"The negro must be allowed to cast a free and untrammelled ballot in all parts of this land."

The speaker then quoted from the laws of different states and said that the Afro-American council was preparing to test the constitutionality of the election laws of Mississippi, Louisiana and South Carolina.

OTIS' CAUSALITIES REPORT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—General Otis has called the following casualties since his last report: Oraema, Corporal Joseph M. Yallis, Sixth Infantry; measles, Bert Pope, Twenty-second Infantry; tuberculosis, Morady D. Jones, Fourteenth Infantry; dysentery, Samuel Alexander, Twenty-second Infantry; Fourth Surgeon Major Charles Giudici, Thirty-sixth Infantry,

acute dysentery; J. J. Lewis Hellrigel, Fourteenth Infantry; John Cunningham, Twelfth Infantry; accidental drowning, James Ruffin, Twenty-fourth Infantry; third, Garfield Thompson, Twenty-fourth Infantry; chronic diarrhoea, William Dunway, Third Infantry; Henry Booth, Seventeenth Infantry; Walter Scott, Fourth Infantry, fifth, William Timmons, Twelfth Infantry, gunshot wound in action; Third, Corporal Ole Gunderson, signal corps; neuritis, fourth, Henry Gayer, Fourteenth Infantry; typhoid fever, First Sergeant Julius Labadie, Sixth Infantry; Ernest Knapp, Ninth Infantry; malaria, sixth, Demorest Smith, Seventeenth Infantry; gunshot wound, accident, Frank B. Johnson, Twenty-second Infantry.

ROOT AT WORK ON HIS REPORT

IT WILL BE IMPORTANT

Civil Government of New Passes sions and Withdrawal of Military Authorities Foreshadowed

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Secretary Root has returned from the west, where he went with the president and will immediately begin work on his annual report which will be of great importance. Besides recounting the doings of the military arm in the Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico, he will probably make recommendations regarding the future government of the islands.

It is well known that he wishes to inaugurate a civil government in Porto Rico at the earliest possible moment and that he favors the speedy withdrawal of many soldiers from Cuba.

The president will depend largely upon the report of the Philippine commission, in shaping his proposals for the government of these islands, but Secretary Root will have something to say in his report as to control by the military pending the institution of civil government.

SPECIAL CENSUS AGENTS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—Director Merriam of the census has decided to appoint special agents in all of the largest cities for employment not to exceed 30 to 40 days, in gathering information only as to the mechanics and manufacturing industries. This step is intended to meet the requirement that the mechanical and manufacturing industries data be collected within two years from June, 1900.

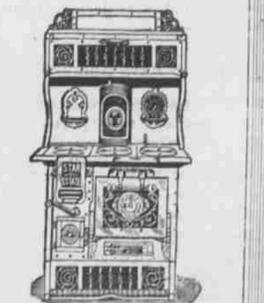
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Ladies' long waist, best quality, black saten corsets, special \$5.00.
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Aluminum thimbles, only 1c.
Leather purses, only 5c.

Hosiery.

Children's fast black double knee stockings size, 6 to 9 pair 12 1/2c.
Children's extra heavy fleeced-lined fast black double-knee stockings, 2 pairs for 25c.

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